

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: PIKE
 COLLABORATING DISTRICT: GIBSON
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: PATOKA RIVER, WHITE RIVER, EAST FORK WHITE RIVER, FLAT CREEK, STONE COE CREEK-PATOKA RIVER, SOUTH FORK PATOKA RIVER, PIGEON CREEK, BIG CREEK, BLACK RIVER, COFFEE BAYOU-WABASH RIVER, FRENCH CREEK-WABASH RIVER, BIG CREEK-PIGEON CREEK WATERSHEDS
 PROJECT NAME: PIKE - GIBSON CONSERVATION INITIATIVE
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$33,000

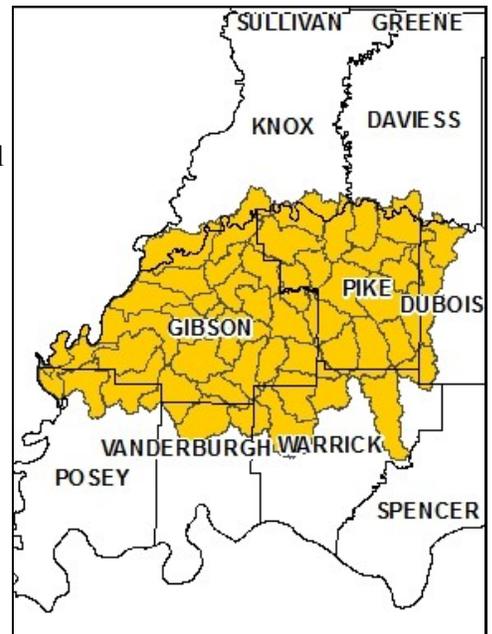


Purpose: Employ a technician to serve Pike and Gibson Counties

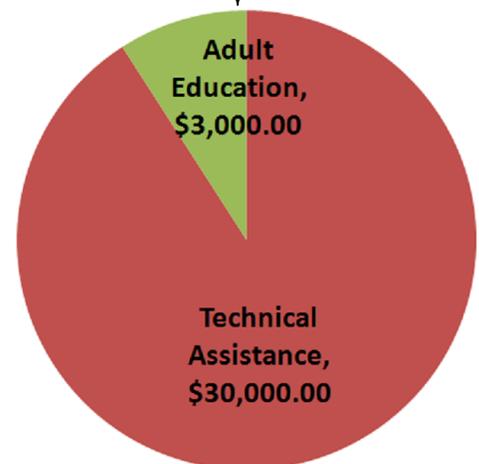
Pike & Gibson County SWCD's will cooperate in the hiring of a part time soil technician who will work in both counties. Each district and the NRCS DC will work together to provide the technician with job duties and tasks as well as provide the technician with office space to complete their work. This technician will work with county farmers and landowners in promoting conservation programs with special attention being given to the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program and cost share opportunities that each SWCD offers.

Hoosier Energy, Inc. has partnered with the Pike-Gibson Conservation Initiative and has agreed to promote, assist and sponsor field events and workshops that will be hosted between the two districts as well as provide funds to pay for tools and or training the technician may need for the job.

A partnership has been formed with Hoosier Energy, Dubois County SWCD, ISDA, and NRCS to provide cash and in-kind support for this project.



"AS A FARM, WE HAVE NOTICED A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN WATER QUALITY, SOIL HEALTH, WILDLIFE NUMBERS AND INCREASED SOIL COVER THROUGH...CLEAN WATER INDIANA GRANTS." MARK ANSON, CO-OWNER OF ANSON FAMILY FARMS, MONROE CITY, INDIANA



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